

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A nanoparticulate topiramate composition comprising:
 - (a) particles of topiramate or a salt thereof, wherein the topiramate particles have an effective average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 2 microns; and
 - (b) at least one surface stabilizer.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the effective average particle size of the nanoparticulate topiramate particles is selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 1900 nm, ~~less than~~ less than ~~about~~ 1800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1000 nm, less than ~~about~~ 900 nm, less than ~~about~~ 800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 250 nm, less than ~~about~~ 200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 150 nm, less than ~~about~~ 140 nm, less than ~~about~~ 130 nm, less than ~~about~~ 120 nm, less than ~~about~~ 110 nm, less than ~~about~~ 100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 90 nm, less than ~~about~~ 80 nm, less than ~~about~~ 70 nm, less than ~~about~~ 60 nm, and less than ~~about~~ 50 nm.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein at least about 70%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or at least about 99% of the topiramate particles have a particle size less than the effective average particle size.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the topiramate is selected from the group consisting of a crystalline phase, an amorphous phase, and a semi-crystalline phase, ~~a semi-amorphous phase, and mixtures thereof.~~

5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is formulated for administration selected from the group consisting of oral, pulmonary, rectal, ophthalmic, colonic, parenteral, intracisternal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, local, buccal, nasal, and topical administration.

6. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, carriers, or a combination thereof.

7. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the topiramate is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 99.5% to about 0.001%, from about 95% to about 0.1%, and from about 90% to about 0.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 0.5% to about 99.999%, from about 5.0% to about 99.9%, and from about 10% to about 99.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 1, comprising at least two surface stabilizers.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of an anionic surface stabilizer, a cationic surface stabilizer, a zwitterionic surface stabilizer, and an ionic surface stabilizer.

11. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of cetyl pyridinium chloride, gelatin,

casein, phosphatides, dextran, glycerol, gum acacia, cholesterol, tragacanth, stearic acid, benzalkonium chloride, calcium stearate, glycerol monostearate, cetostearyl alcohol, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, sorbitan esters, polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene castor oils ~~derivatives~~, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycols, dodecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, polyoxyethylene stearates, colloidal silicon dioxide, phosphates, sodium dodecylsulfate, carboxymethylcellulose calcium, hydroxypropyl celluloses, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, methylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose phthalate, noncrystalline cellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, triethanolamine, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, 4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-phenol polymer with ethylene oxide and formaldehyde, poloxamers; poloxamines, a charged phospholipid, dioctylsulfosuccinate, dialkylesters of sodium sulfosuccinic acid, sodium lauryl sulfate, alkyl aryl polyether sulfonates, mixtures of sucrose stearate and sucrose distearate, p-isononylphenoxypoly-(glycidol), decanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-decyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-decyl β -D-maltopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-maltoside; heptanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-heptyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; n-heptyl β -D-thioglucoside; n-hexyl β -D-glucopyranoside; nonanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-nonyl β -D-glucopyranoside; octanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-octyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; octyl β -D-thioglucopyranoside; lysozyme, PEG-derivatized phospholipid, PEG-derivatized cholesterol, ~~PEG-derivatized cholesterol derivative~~, PEG-derivatized vitamin A, PEG-derivatized vitamin E, and random copolymers of vinyl acetate and vinyl pyrrolidone.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 10, wherein the at least one cationic surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of a polymer, a biopolymer, a polysaccharide, a cellulosic, an alginate, a nonpolymeric compound, a phospholipid, zwitterionic stabilizers, poly-n-methylpyridinium, anthryl pyridinium chloride, chitosan, polylysine, polyvinylimidazole, polybrene, polymethylmethacrylate trimethylammoniumbromide bromide (PMMTMABr), hexyldesyltrimethylammonium bromide (HDMAB), polyvinylpyrrolidone-2-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate dimethyl sulfate, 1,2 Dipalmitoyl-sn-Glycero-3-Phosphoethanolamine-N-[Amino(Polyethylene

Glycol)2000] (sodium salt), Poly(2-methacryloxyethyl trimethylammonium bromide), poloxamines, lysozyme, alginic acid, carrageenan, POLYOX, cationic lipids, sulfonium, phosphonium, quarternary ammonium compounds, stearyltrimethylammonium chloride, benzyl-di(2-chloroethyl)ethylammonium bromide, coconut trimethyl ammonium chloride, coconut trimethyl ammonium bromide, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, decyl triethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, myristyl trimethyl ammonium methyl sulphate, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium bromide, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium bromide, N-alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₈)dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl (C₁₄₋₁₈)dimethyl-benzyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride monohydrate, dimethyl didecyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl and (C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, trimethylammonium halide, alkyl-trimethylammonium salts, dialkyl-dimethylammonium salts, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, ethoxylated alkyamidoalkyldialkylammonium salt, an ethoxylated trialkyl ammonium salt, dialkylbenzene dialkylammonium chloride, N-didecyldimethyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium, chloride monohydrate, N-alkyl(C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, dodecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, dialkyl benzenealkyl ammonium chloride, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, alkylbenzyl methyl ammonium chloride, alkyl benzyl dimethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂, C₁₅, C₁₇ trimethyl ammonium bromides, dodecylbenzyl triethyl ammonium chloride, polydiallyldimethylammonium chloride, dimethyl ammonium chlorides, alkyl dimethylammonium halogenides, tricetyl methyl ammonium chloride, decyltrimethylammonium bromide, dodecyltriethylammonium bromide, tetradecyltrimethylammonium bromide, methyl trioctylammonium chloride, polyquaternium 10, tetrabutylammonium bromide, benzyl trimethylammonium bromide, choline esters, benzalkonium chloride, stearylalkonium chloride compounds, cetyl pyridinium bromide, cetyl pyridinium chloride, halide salts of quaternized

polyoxyethylalkylamines, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, alkyl pyridinium salts, amines, protonated quaternary acrylamides, methylated quaternary polymers, and cationic guar.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein the amine is selected from the group consisting of alkylamines, dialkylamines, alkanolamines, polyethylenepolyamines, N,N-dialkylaminoalkyl acrylates, vinyl pyridine, amine salts, lauryl amine acetate, stearyl amine acetate, alkylpyridinium salt, alkylimidazolium salt, amine oxides, and, imide azolinium salts.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein the cationic surface stabilizer is a nonpolymeric compound selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride, a carbonium compound, a phosphonium compound, an oxonium compound, a halonium compound, a cationic organometallic compound, a quaternary phosphorous compound, a pyridinium compound, an anilinium compound, an ammonium compound, a hydroxylammonium compound, a primary ammonium compound, a secondary ammonium compound, a tertiary ammonium compound, behenalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, cetylpyridinium chloride, behentrimonium chloride, lauralkonium chloride, cetalkonium chloride, cetrimonium bromide, cetrimonium chloride, cethylamine hydrofluoride, chlorallylmethenamine chloride (Quaternium-15), distearyldimonium chloride (Quaternium-5), dodecyl dimethyl ethylbenzyl ammonium chloride(Quaternium-14), Quaternium-22, Quaternium-26, Quaternium-18 hectorite, dimethylaminoethylchloride hydrochloride, cysteine hydrochloride, diethanolammonium POE (10) oleyl ether phosphate, diethanolammonium POE (3)oleyl ether phosphate, tallow alkonium chloride, dimethyl dioctadecylammoniumbentonite, stearalkonium chloride, domiphen bromide, denatonium benzoate, myristalkonium chloride, laurtrimonium chloride, ethylenediamine dihydrochloride, guanidine hydrochloride, pyridoxine HCl, ioftamine hydrochloride, meglumine hydrochloride, methylbenzethonium chloride, myrtrimonium bromide, oleyltrimonium chloride, polyquaternium-1, procainehydrochloride, cocobetaine, stearalkonium bentonite, stearalkoniumhectonite, stearyl trihydroxyethyl propylenediamine dihydrofluoride, tallowtrimonium chloride, and hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide.

15. (Original) The composition according to any of claims 10, 12, 13, or 14, wherein the composition is bioadhesive.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 1, comprising hypromellose, docusate sodium, or a combination thereof as surface stabilizers.

17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a topiramate composition having an effective average particle size of greater than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

18. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one additional nanoparticulate topiramate composition having an effective average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 2 microns, wherein said additional nanoparticulate topiramate composition has an effective average particle size which is different than the effective average particle size of the nanoparticulate topiramate composition of claim 1.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 1, additionally comprising at least one non- topiramate active agent.

20. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of amino acids, proteins, peptides, nucleotides, anti-obesity drugs, nutraceuticals, dietary supplements, central nervous symptom stimulants, carotenoids, corticosteroids, elastase inhibitors, anti-fungals, alkylxanthine, oncology therapies, anti-emetics, analgesics, opioids, antipyretics, cardiovascular agents, anti-inflammatory agents, anthelmintics, anti-arrhythmic agents, antibiotics, anticoagulants, antidepressants, antidiabetic agents, antiepileptics, antihistamines, antihypertensive agents, antimuscarinic agents, antimycobacterial agents, antineoplastic agents, immunosuppressants, antithyroid agents, antiviral agents, anxiolytics, sedatives, astringents, alpha-adrenergic receptor blocking agents, beta-adrenoceptor blocking agents, blood products, blood substitutes, cardiac inotropic agents, contrast media, corticosteroids, cough suppressants,

diagnostic agents, diagnostic imaging agents, diuretics, dopaminergics, haemostatics, immunological agents, lipid regulating agents, muscle relaxants, parasympathomimetics, parathyroid calcitonin and biphosphonates, prostaglandins, radio- pharmaceuticals, sex hormones, anti-allergic agents, stimulants, anoretics, sympathomimetics, thyroid agents, vasodilators, vasomodulator, xanthines, Mu receptor antagonists, Kappa receptor antagonists, non-narcotic analgesics, monoamine uptake inhibitors, adenosine regulating agents, cannabinoids ~~derivatives~~, Substance P antagonists, neurokinin-1 receptor antagonists, and sodium channel blockers.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 20, wherein said nutraceutical is selected from the group consisting of lutein, folic acid, fatty acids, fruit extracts, vegetable extracts, vitamin supplements, mineral supplements, phosphatidylserine, lipoic acid, melatonin, glucosamine/chondroitin, Aloe Vera, Guggul, glutamine, amino acids, green tea, lycopene, whole foods, food additives, herbs, phytonutrients, antioxidants, flavonoid constituents of fruits, evening primrose oil, flax seeds, fish oils, marine animal oils, and probiotics.

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of claims 19, 20, or 21, wherein at least one non-topiramate active agent has an effective average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

23. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of one of claims 19, 20, or 21, wherein at least one non-topiramate active agent has an effective average particle size of greater than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

24. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 formulated into a liquid dosage form, wherein the dosage form has a viscosity of less than ~~about~~ 2000 mPa·s at a shear rate of 0.1 (1/s).

25. (Original) The composition of claim 24 having a viscosity at a shear rate of 0.1 (1/s) selected from the group consisting of from about 2000 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from

about 1900 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1800 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1700 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1600 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1500 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1400 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1300 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1200 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1100 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 1000 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 900 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 800 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 700 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 600 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 500 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 400 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 300 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 200 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 175 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 150 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 125 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 100 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 75 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 50 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 25 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 15 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, from about 10 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s, and from about 5 mPa·s to about 1 mPa·s.

26. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 formulated into a liquid dosage form, wherein the viscosity of the dosage form is selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 1/200, less than ~~about~~ 1/100, less than ~~about~~ 1/50, less than ~~about~~ 1/25, and less than ~~about~~ 1/10 of the viscosity of a liquid dosage form of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition, at ~~about~~ the same concentration per ml of topiramate.

27. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 formulated into a liquid dosage form, wherein the viscosity of the dosage form is selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 5%, less than ~~about~~ 10%, less than ~~about~~ 15%, less than ~~about~~ 20%, less than ~~about~~ 25%, less than ~~about~~ 30%, less than ~~about~~ 35%, less than ~~about~~ 40%, less than ~~about~~ 45%, less than ~~about~~ 50%, less than ~~about~~ 55%, less than ~~about~~ 60%, less than ~~about~~ 65%, less than ~~about~~ 70%, less than ~~about~~ 75%, less than ~~about~~ 80%, less than ~~about~~ 85%, and less than ~~about~~ 90% of the viscosity of a liquid dosage form of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition at ~~about~~ the same concentration per ml of topiramate.

28. (Original) The composition of claim 1 formulated into a liquid dosage form, wherein the amount of topiramate per ml is equal to or greater than the amount of topiramate per ml of a liquid dosage form of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

29. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein upon administration the composition redisperses such that the topiramate particles have an effective average particle size selected from the group consisting of less than **about** 2 microns, less than **about** 1900 nm, less than **about** 1800 nm, less than **about** 1700 nm, less than **about** 1600 nm, less than **about** 1500 nm, less than **about** 1400 nm, less than **about** 1300 nm, less than **about** 1200 nm, less than **about** 1100 nm, less than **about** 1000 nm, less than **about** 900 nm, less than **about** 800 nm, less than **about** 700 nm, less than **about** 600 nm, less than **about** 500 nm, less than **about** 400 nm, less than **about** 300 nm, less than **about** 250 nm, less than **about** 200 nm, less than **about** 150 nm, less than **about** 100 nm, less than **about** 75 nm, and less than **about** 50 nm.

30. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition redisperses in a biorelevant media such that the topiramate particles have an effective average particle size selected from the group consisting of less than **about** 2 microns, less than **about** 1900 nm, less than **about** 1800 nm, less than **about** 1700 nm, less than **about** 1600 nm, less than **about** 1500 nm, less than **about** 1400 nm, less than **about** 1300 nm, less than **about** 1200 nm, less than **about** 1100 nm, less than **about** 1000 nm, less than **about** 900 nm, less than **about** 800 nm, less than **about** 700 nm, less than **about** 600 nm, less than **about** 500 nm, less than **about** 400 nm, less than **about** 300 nm, less than **about** 250 nm, less than **about** 200 nm, less than **about** 150 nm, less than **about** 100 nm, less than **about** 75 nm, and less than **about** 50 nm.

31. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition does not produce significantly different absorption levels when administered under fed as compared to fasted conditions.

32. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein upon administration the T_{\max} is less than that of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition, administered at the same dosage.

33. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 32, wherein in comparative pharmacokinetic testing with a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition, administered at the same dosage, the nanoparticulate composition exhibits a T_{\max} selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 100%, less than ~~about~~ 90%, less than ~~about~~ 80%, less than ~~about~~ 70%, less than ~~about~~ 60%, less than ~~about~~ 50%, less than ~~about~~ 40%, less than ~~about~~ 30%, less than ~~about~~ 25%, less than ~~about~~ 20%, less than ~~about~~ 15%, and less than ~~about~~ 10% of the T_{\max} exhibited by the non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

34. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein following administration the composition has a T_{\max} selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 2 hours, less than ~~about~~ 110 min., less than ~~about~~ 100 min., less than ~~about~~ 90 min., less than ~~about~~ 80 min. less than ~~about~~ 70 min., less than ~~about~~ 60 min., less than ~~about~~ 50 min., less than ~~about~~ 40 min., less than ~~about~~ 30 min., less than ~~about~~ 25 min., less than ~~about~~ 20 min., less than ~~about~~ 15 min., less than ~~about~~ 10 min., less than ~~about~~ 5 min., and less than ~~about~~ 3 min.

35. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein upon administration the C_{\max} of the composition is greater than the C_{\max} of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition, administered at the same dosage.

36. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 35, wherein in comparative pharmacokinetic testing with a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition, administered at the same dosage, the nanoparticulate composition exhibits a C_{\max} selected from the group consisting of greater than ~~about~~ 5%, greater than ~~about~~ 10%, greater than

about 15%, greater than **about** 20%, greater than **about** 30%, greater than **about** 40%, greater than **about** 50%, greater than **about** 60%, greater than **about** 70%, greater than **about** 80%, greater than **about** 90%, greater than **about** 100%, greater than **about** 110%, greater than **about** 120%, greater than **about** 130%, greater than **about** 140%, and greater than **about** 150% than the C_{\max} exhibited by the non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

37. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of topiramate is selected from the group consisting of 1/6, 1/5, 1/4, 1/3rd, and 1/2 of the therapeutically effective amount of a conventional non-nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

38. (Currently Amended) The nanoparticulate topiramate composition of claim 1 formulated into a dosage form for oral administration, wherein the relative bioavailability of the nanoparticulate topiramate composition compared to a solution is selected from the group consisting of greater than **about** 80%, greater than **about** 85%, greater than **about** 90%, and greater than **about** 95%.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of making a nanoparticulate topiramate composition comprising contacting topiramate particles with at least one surface stabilizer for a time and under conditions sufficient to provide a nanoparticulate topiramate composition having an effective average particle size of less than **about** 2 microns.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein said contacting comprises grinding.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein said grinding comprises wet grinding.

42. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein said contacting comprises homogenizing.

43. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein said contacting comprises:
- (a) dissolving the topiramate particles in a solvent;
 - (b) adding the resulting topiramate solution to a solution comprising at least one surface stabilizer; and
 - (c) precipitating the solubilized topiramate and at least one surface by the addition thereto of a non-solvent.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the effective average particle size of the nanoparticulate topiramate particles is selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 1900 nm, ~~less than~~ less than ~~about~~ 1800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1000 nm, less than ~~about~~ 900 nm, less than ~~about~~ 800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 250 nm, less than ~~about~~ 200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 150 nm, less than ~~about~~ 140 nm, less than ~~about~~ 130 nm, less than ~~about~~ 120 nm, less than ~~about~~ 110 nm, less than ~~about~~ 100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 90 nm, less than ~~about~~ 80 nm, less than ~~about~~ 70 nm, less than ~~about~~ 60 nm, and less than ~~about~~ 50 nm.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein at least ~~about~~ 70%, at least ~~about~~ 90%, at least ~~about~~ 95%, or at least ~~about~~ 99% of the topiramate particles have a particle size less than the effective average particle size.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the topiramate is selected from the group consisting of a crystalline phase, an amorphous phase, and a semi-crystalline phase, ~~a semi-amorphous phase, and mixtures thereof.~~

47. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the composition is formulated for administration selected from the group consisting of oral, pulmonary, rectal, ophthalmic,

colonic, parenteral, intracisternal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, local, buccal, nasal, and topical administration.

48. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the composition further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, carriers, or a combination thereof.

49. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the topiramate is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 99.5% to about 0.001%, from about 95% to about 0.1%, and from about 90% to about 0.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

50. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 0.5% to about 99.999%, from about 5.0% to about 99.9%, and from about 10% to about 99.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

51. (Original) The method of claim 39, comprising at least two surface stabilizers.

52. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of an anionic surface stabilizer, a cationic surface stabilizer, a zwitterionic surface stabilizer, and an ionic surface stabilizer.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of cetyl pyridinium chloride, gelatin, casein, phosphatides, dextran, glycerol, gum acacia, cholesterol, tragacanth, stearic acid, benzalkonium chloride, calcium stearate, glycerol monostearate, cetostearyl alcohol, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, sorbitan esters, polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene

castor oils ~~derivatives~~, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycols, dodecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, polyoxyethylene stearates, colloidal silicon dioxide, phosphates, sodium dodecylsulfate, carboxymethylcellulose calcium, hydroxypropyl celluloses, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, methylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose phthalate, noncrystalline cellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, triethanolamine, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, 4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-phenol polymer with ethylene oxide and formaldehyde, poloxamers; poloxamines, a charged phospholipid, dioctylsulfosuccinate, dialkylesters of sodium sulfosuccinic acid, sodium lauryl sulfate, alkyl aryl polyether sulfonates, mixtures of sucrose stearate and sucrose distearate, p-isononylphenoxypoly-(glycidol), decanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-decyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-decyl β -D-maltopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-maltoside; heptanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-heptyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; n-heptyl β -D-thioglucoside; n-hexyl β -D-glucopyranoside; nonanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-noyl β -D-glucopyranoside; octanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-octyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; octyl β -D-thioglucopyranoside; lysozyme, PEG-derivatized phospholipid, PEG-derivatized cholesterol, ~~PEG-derivatized cholesterol derivative~~, PEG-derivatized vitamin A, PEG-derivatized vitamin E, and random copolymers of vinyl acetate and vinyl pyrrolidone.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the at least one cationic surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of a polymer, a biopolymer, a polysaccharide, a cellulosic, an alginate, a nonpolymeric compound, a phospholipid, zwitterionic stabilizers, poly-n-methylpyridinium, anthryl pyridinium chloride, chitosan, polylysine, polyvinylimidazole, polybrene, polymethylmethacrylate trimethylammoniumbromide bromide (PMMTMABr), hexyldeyltrimethylammonium bromide (HDMAB), polyvinylpyrrolidone-2-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate dimethyl sulfate, 1,2 Dipalmitoyl-sn-Glycero-3-Phosphoethanolamine-N-[Amino(Polyethylene Glycol)2000] (sodium salt), Poly(2-methacryloxyethyl trimethylammonium bromide), poloxamines, lysozyme, alginic acid, carrageenan, POLYOX, cationic lipids, sulfonium, phosphonium, quarternary ammonium compounds, stearyltrimethylammonium chloride,

benzyl-di(2-chloroethyl)ethylammonium bromide, coconut trimethyl ammonium chloride, coconut trimethyl ammonium bromide, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, decyl triethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, myristyl trimethyl ammonium methyl sulphate, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium bromide, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium bromide, N-alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₈)dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl (C₁₄₋₁₈)dimethyl-benzyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride monohydrate, dimethyl didecyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl and (C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, trimethylammonium halide, alkyl-trimethylammonium salts, dialkyl-dimethylammonium salts, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, ethoxylated alkyamidoalkyldialkylammonium salt, an ethoxylated trialkyl ammonium salt, dialkylbenzene dialkylammonium chloride, N-didecyldimethyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium, chloride monohydrate, N-alkyl(C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, dodecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, dialkyl benzenealkyl ammonium chloride, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, alkylbenzyl methyl ammonium chloride, alkyl benzyl dimethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂, C₁₅, C₁₇ trimethyl ammonium bromides, dodecylbenzyl triethyl ammonium chloride, poly-diallyldimethylammonium chloride, dimethyl ammonium chlorides, alkyl dimethylammonium halogenides, tricetyl methyl ammonium chloride, decyltrimethylammonium bromide, dodecyltriethylammonium bromide, tetradecyltrimethylammonium bromide, methyl trioctylammonium chloride, polyquaternium 10, tetrabutylammonium bromide, benzyl trimethylammonium bromide, choline esters, benzalkonium chloride, stearylalkonium chloride compounds, cetyl pyridinium bromide, cetyl pyridinium chloride, halide salts of quaternized polyoxyethylalkylamines, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, alkyl pyridinium salts, amines, protonated quaternary acrylamides, methylated quaternary polymers, and cationic guar.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein the amine is selected from the group consisting of alkylamines, dialkylamines, alkanolamines, polyethylenepolyamines, N,N-dialkylaminoalkyl acrylates, vinyl pyridine, amine salts, lauryl amine acetate, stearyl amine acetate, alkylpyridinium salt, alkylimidazolium salt, amine oxides, and, imide azolinium salts.

56. (Original) The method of claim 52, wherein the cationic surface stabilizer is a nonpolymeric compound selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride, a carbonium compound, a phosphonium compound, an oxonium compound, a halonium compound, a cationic organometallic compound, a quarternary phosphorous compound, a pyridinium compound, an anilinium compound, an ammonium compound, a hydroxylammonium compound, a primary ammonium compound, a secondary ammonium compound, a tertiary ammonium compound, behenalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, cetylpyridinium chloride, behentrimonium chloride, lauralkonium chloride, cetalkonium chloride, cetrimonium bromide, cetrimonium chloride, cethylamine hydrofluoride, chlorallylmethenamine chloride (Quaternium-15), distearyldimonium chloride (Quaternium-5), dodecyl dimethyl ethylbenzyl ammonium chloride(Quaternium-14), Quaternium-22, Quaternium-26, Quaternium-18 hectorite, dimethylaminoethylchloride hydrochloride, cysteine hydrochloride, diethanolammonium POE (10) oleyl ether phosphate, diethanolammonium POE (3)oleyl ether phosphate, tallow alkonium chloride, dimethyl dioctadecylammoniumbentonite, stearalkonium chloride, domiphen bromide, denatonium benzoate, myristalkonium chloride, laurtrimonium chloride, ethylenediamine dihydrochloride, guanidine hydrochloride, pyridoxine HCl, iofetamine hydrochloride, meglumine hydrochloride, methylbenzethonium chloride, myrtrimonium bromide, oleyltrimonium chloride, polyquaternium-1, procainehydrochloride, cocobetaine, stearalkonium bentonite, stearalkoniumhectonite, stearyl trihydroxyethyl propylenediamine dihydrofluoride, tallowtrimonium chloride, and hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide.

57. (Original) The method according to any of claims 52, 54, 55, or 56, wherein the composition is bioadhesive.

58. (Original) The method of claim 39, comprising hypromellose, docusate sodium, or a combination thereof as surface stabilizers.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein after preparation of the nanoparticulate topiramate composition, a second topiramate composition having an effective average particle size of greater than ~~about~~ 2 microns is combined with the nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

60. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein either prior or subsequent to preparation of the nanoparticulate topiramate composition, at least one non-topiramate active agent is added to the nanoparticulate topiramate composition.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60, wherein said non-topiramate active agent is selected from the group consisting of amino acids proteins, peptides, nucleotides, anti-obesity drugs, nutraceuticals, dietary supplements, carotenoids, central nervous system stimulants, corticosteroids, elastase inhibitors, anti-fungals, alkylxanthine, oncology therapies, anti-emetics, analgesics, opioids, antipyretics, cardiovascular agents, anti-inflammatory agents, anthelmintics, anti-arrhythmic agents, antibiotics, anticoagulants, antidepressants, antidiabetic agents, antiepileptics, antihistamines, antihypertensive agents, antimuscarinic agents, antimycobacterial agents, antineoplastic agents, immunosuppressants, antithyroid agents, antiviral agents, anxiolytics, sedatives, astringents, alpha-adrenergic receptor blocking agents, beta-adrenoceptor blocking agents, blood products, blood substitutes, cardiac inotropic agents, contrast media, corticosteroids, cough suppressants, diagnostic agents, diagnostic imaging agents, diuretics, dopaminergics, haemostatics, immunological agents, lipid regulating agents, muscle relaxants, parasympathomimetics, parathyroid calcitonin and biphosphonates, prostaglandins, radio- pharmaceuticals, sex hormones, anti-allergic agents, stimulants, anoretics, sympathomimetics, thyroid agents, vasodilators, vasomodulator, xanthines, Mu receptor antagonists, Kappa receptor antagonists, non-narcotic analgesics, monoamine uptake inhibitors, adenosine regulating agents,

cannabinoids ~~derivatives~~, Substance P antagonists, neurokinin-1 receptor antagonists, and sodium channel blockers.

62. (Original) The method of claim 61, wherein said nutraceutical is selected from the group consisting of lutein, folic acid, fatty acids, fruit extracts, vegetable extracts, vitamin supplements, mineral supplements, phosphatidylserine, lipoic acid, melatonin, glucosamine/chondroitin, Aloe Vera, Guggul, glutamine, amino acids, green tea, lycopene, whole foods, food additives, herbs, phytonutrients, antioxidants, flavonoid constituents of fruits, evening primrose oil, flax seeds, fish oils, marine animal oils, and probiotics.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of any of claims 60, 61, or 62, wherein at least one non-topiramate active agent has an effective average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

64. (Currently Amended) The method of any of claims 60, 61, or 62, wherein at least one non- topiramate active agent has an effective average particle size of greater than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

65. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a subject in need with a nanoparticulate topiramate formulation comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a nanoparticulate composition comprising topiramate particles and at least one surface stabilizer, wherein the topiramate particles have an effective average particle size of less than ~~about~~ 2 microns.

66. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject has a condition selected from the group consisting of seizures, mood disorders, post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), Bipolar Disorder, mania, depression, personality disorders, bipolar mood instability, schizophrenia, psychosis, bipolar spectrum disorders, and rapid-cycling bipolar disorders.

67. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject has a mood disorder or a bipolar mood disorder which has not been adequately controlled by other medications.

68. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for obesity.

69. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for alcohol dependence.

70. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for nicotine addiction.

71. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for drug addiction.

72. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for an undesirable addictive behavior.

73. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for migraines.

74. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for neuropathic pain relief.

75. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for essential type tremor.

76. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the subject is being treated for cluster headaches.

77. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein said subject is a human.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 65, wherein the effective average particle size of the nanoparticulate topiramate particles is selected from the group consisting of less than ~~about~~ 1900 nm, ~~less than~~ less than ~~about~~ 1800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 1000 nm, less than ~~about~~ 900 nm, less than ~~about~~ 800 nm, less than ~~about~~ 700 nm, less than ~~about~~ 600 nm, less than ~~about~~ 500 nm, less than ~~about~~ 400 nm, less than ~~about~~ 300 nm, less than ~~about~~ 250 nm, less than ~~about~~ 200 nm, less than ~~about~~ 150 nm, less than ~~about~~ 140 nm, less than ~~about~~ 130 nm, less than ~~about~~ 120 nm, less than ~~about~~ 110 nm, less than ~~about~~ 100 nm, less than ~~about~~ 90 nm, less than ~~about~~ 80 nm, less than ~~about~~ 70 nm, less than ~~about~~ 60 nm, and less than ~~about~~ 50 nm.

79. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 65, wherein at least ~~about~~ 70%, at least ~~about~~ 90%, at least ~~about~~ 95%, or at least ~~about~~ 99% of the topiramate particles have a particle size less than the effective average particle size.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 65, wherein the topiramate is selected from the group consisting of a crystalline phase, an amorphous phase, and a semi-crystalline phase, ~~a semi-amorphous phase, and mixtures thereof.~~

81. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the composition is formulated for administration selected from the group consisting of oral, pulmonary, rectal, ophthalmic, colonic, parenteral, intracisternal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, local, buccal, nasal, and topical administration.

82. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the composition further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, carriers, or a combination

thereof.

83. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the topiramate is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 99.5% to about 0.001%, from about 95% to about 0.1%, and from about 90% to about 0.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

84. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is present in an amount selected from the group consisting of from about 0.5% to about 99.999%, from about 5.0% to about 99.9%, and from about 10% to about 99.5%, by weight, based on the total combined dry weight of the topiramate and at least one surface stabilizer, not including other excipients.

85. (Original) The method of claim 65, comprising at least two surface stabilizers.

86. (Original) The method of claim 65, wherein the surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of an anionic surface stabilizer, a cationic surface stabilizer, a zwitterionic surface stabilizer, and an ionic surface stabilizer.

87. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 86, wherein the at least one surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of cetyl pyridinium chloride, gelatin, casein, phosphatides, dextran, glycerol, gum acacia, cholesterol, tragacanth, stearic acid, benzalkonium chloride, calcium stearate, glycerol monostearate, cetostearyl alcohol, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, sorbitan esters, polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene castor oils ~~derivatives~~, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycols, dodecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, polyoxyethylene stearates, colloidal silicon dioxide, phosphates, sodium dodecylsulfate, carboxymethylcellulose calcium, hydroxypropyl celluloses, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, methylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose phthalate, noncrystalline cellulose,

magnesium aluminum silicate, triethanolamine, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, 4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-phenol polymer with ethylene oxide and formaldehyde, poloxamers; poloxamines, a charged phospholipid, dioctylsulfosuccinate, dialkylesters of sodium sulfosuccinic acid, sodium lauryl sulfate, alkyl aryl polyether sulfonates, mixtures of sucrose stearate and sucrose distearate, p-isononylphenoxypoly-(glycidol), decanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-decyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-decyl β -D-maltopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-glucopyranoside; n-dodecyl β -D-maltoside; heptanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-heptyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; n-heptyl β -D-thioglucoside; n-hexyl β -D-glucopyranoside; nonanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-nonyl β -D-glucopyranoside; octanoyl-N-methylglucamide; n-octyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; octyl β -D-thioglucopyranoside; lysozyme, PEG-derivatized phospholipid, PEG-derivatized cholesterol, ~~PEG-derivatized cholesterol derivative~~, PEG-derivatized vitamin A, PEG-derivatized vitamin E, and random copolymers of vinyl acetate and vinyl pyrrolidone.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the at least one cationic surface stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of a polymer, a biopolymer, a polysaccharide, a cellulosic, an alginate, a nonpolymeric compound, a phospholipid, zwitterionic stabilizers, poly-n-methylpyridinium, anthryl pyridinium chloride, chitosan, polylysine, polyvinylimidazole, polybrene, polymethylmethacrylate trimethylammoniumbromide bromide (PMMTMABr), hexyldesyltrimethylammonium bromide (HDMAB), polyvinylpyrrolidone-2-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate dimethyl sulfate, 1,2 Dipalmitoyl-sn-Glycero-3-Phosphoethanolamine-N-[Amino(Polyethylene Glycol)2000] (sodium salt), Poly(2-methacryloxyethyl trimethylammonium bromide), poloxamines, lysozyme, alginic acid, carrageenan, POLYOX, cationic lipids, sulfonium, phosphonium, quarternary ammonium compounds, stearyltrimethylammonium chloride, benzyl-di(2-chloroethyl)ethylammonium bromide, coconut trimethyl ammonium chloride, coconut trimethyl ammonium bromide, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut methyl dihydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, decyl triethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, decyl dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, C₁₂₋₁₅dimethyl hydroxyethyl

ammonium bromide, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium chloride, coconut dimethyl hydroxyethyl ammonium bromide, myristyl trimethyl ammonium methyl sulphate, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium bromide, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl (ethenoxy)₄ ammonium bromide, N-alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₈)dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl (C₁₄₋₁₈)dimethyl-benzyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride monohydrate, dimethyl didecyl ammonium chloride, N-alkyl and (C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, trimethylammonium halide, alkyl-trimethylammonium salts, dialkyl-dimethylammonium salts, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, ethoxylated alkyamidoalkyldialkylammonium salt, an ethoxylated trialkyl ammonium salt, dialkylbenzene dialkylammonium chloride, N-didecyldimethyl ammonium chloride, N-tetradecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium, chloride monohydrate, N-alkyl(C₁₂₋₁₄) dimethyl 1-naphthylmethyl ammonium chloride, dodecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, dialkyl benzenealkyl ammonium chloride, lauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride, alkylbenzyl methyl ammonium chloride, alkyl benzyl dimethyl ammonium bromide, C₁₂, C₁₅, C₁₇ trimethyl ammonium bromides, dodecylbenzyl triethyl ammonium chloride, polydiallyldimethylammonium chloride, dimethyl ammonium chlorides, alkyl dimethylammonium halogenides, tricetyl methyl ammonium chloride, decyltrimethylammonium bromide, dodecyltriethylammonium bromide, tetradecyltrimethylammonium bromide, methyl trioctylammonium chloride, polyquaternium 10, tetrabutylammonium bromide, benzyl trimethylammonium bromide, choline esters, benzalkonium chloride, stearylalkonium chloride compounds, cetyl pyridinium bromide, cetyl pyridinium chloride, halide salts of quaternized polyoxyethylalkylamines, quaternized ammonium salt, alkyl pyridinium salts, amines, protonated quaternary acrylamides, methylated quaternary polymers, and cationic guar.

89. (Original) The method of claim 88, wherein the amine is selected from the group consisting of alkylamines, dialkylamines, alkanolamines, polyethylenepolyamines, N,N-dialkylaminoalkyl acrylates, vinyl pyridine, amine salts, lauryl amine acetate, stearyl amine acetate, alkylpyridinium salt, alkylimidazolium salt, amine oxides, and, imide azolinium salts.

90. (Original) The method of claim 86, wherein the cationic surface stabilizer is a nonpolymeric compound selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride, a carbonium compound, a phosphonium compound, an oxonium compound, a halonium compound, a cationic organometallic compound, a quarternary phosphorous compound, a pyridinium compound, an anilinium compound, an ammonium compound, a hydroxylammonium compound, a primary ammonium compound, a secondary ammonium compound, a tertiary ammonium compound, behenalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, cetylpyridinium chloride, behentrimonium chloride, lauralkonium chloride, cetalkonium chloride, cetrimonium bromide, cetrimonium chloride, cethylamine hydrofluoride, chlorallylmethenamine chloride (Quaternium-15), distearyldimonium chloride (Quaternium-5), dodecyl dimethyl ethylbenzyl ammonium chloride(Quaternium-14), Quaternium-22, Quaternium-26, Quaternium-18 hectorite, dimethylaminoethylchloride hydrochloride, cysteine hydrochloride, diethanolammonium POE (10) oleyl ether phosphate, diethanolammonium POE (3)oleyl ether phosphate, tallow alkonium chloride, dimethyl dioctadecylammoniumbentonite, stearalkonium chloride, domiphen bromide, denatonium benzoate, myristalkonium chloride, laurtrimonium chloride, ethylenediamine dihydrochloride, guanidine hydrochloride, pyridoxine HCl, iofetamine hydrochloride, meglumine hydrochloride, methylbenzethonium chloride, myrtrimonium bromide, oleyltrimonium chloride, polyquaternium-1, procainehydrochloride, cocobetaine, stearalkonium bentonite, stearalkoniumhectonite, stearyl trihydroxyethyl propylenediamine dihydrofluoride, tallowtrimonium chloride, and hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide.

91. (Original) The method according to any of claims 86, 88, 89, or 90, wherein the composition is bioadhesive.

92. (Original) The method of claim 65, comprising hypromellose, docusate sodium, or a combination thereof as surface stabilizers.

93. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition of an anticonvulsant agent comprising solid particles of the agent coated with one or more surface modifiers, wherein the particles have an average effective particle size of less than ~~about~~ 50 nm to less than ~~about~~ 2000 nm.

94. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 93, wherein the surface modifier is selected from the group consisting of: anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, surface active biological modifiers, and combinations thereof.

95. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 94, wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: alkyl sulfonates, alkyl phosphates, triethanolamine stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium dodecylsulfate, alkyl polyoxyethylene sulfates, sodium alginate, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, and calcium carboxymethylcellulose.

96. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 94, wherein the cationic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium compounds, benzalkonium chloride, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, lauryldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, dimethyldioctadecylammomium bromide, dioleyoltrimethylammonium propane, dimyristoyltrimethylammonium propane, dimethylaminoethanecarbamoyl cholesterol, 1,2-dialkylglycero-3-alkylphosphocholine and n-octylamine.

97. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 94, wherein the cationic surfactant is a phospholipid, and wherein the phospholipid is natural or synthetic.

98. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 93, wherein the surface modifier is a pegylated phospholipid.

99. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 94, wherein the nonionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ethers, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters, sorbitan esters, glycerol monostearate, polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, cetyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymers, polaxamines, methylcellulose, hydroxy propylcellulose, hydroxy propylmethylcellulose, noncrystalline cellulose, polysaccharides, starches, ~~starch derivatives~~, hydroxyethylstarch, polyvinyl alcohol, and polyvinylpyrrolidone.

100. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 94, wherein the surface active biological modifier is selected from the group consisting of proteins, polysaccharides, and combinations thereof.

101. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 100, wherein the polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of starches and chitosans.

102. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 100, wherein the protein is casein.

103. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 93, wherein the surface modifier comprises a copolymer of oxyethylene and oxypropylene.

104. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 103, wherein the copolymer of oxyethylene and oxypropylene is a block copolymer.

105. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 93, further comprising a pH adjusting agent.

106. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 105, wherein the pH adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, sodium hydroxide, glycine, arginine, and lysine.

107. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 106, wherein the pH adjusting agent is added to the composition to bring the pH of the composition within the range of from about 3 to about 11.